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Important Notes to Copy

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1. Register DD 214 at county clerks office

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CAUTION: NOT TO BE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RECORD. SAFEGUARD IT.

DD FORM 214 WORKSHEET

1. NAME *(Last, First, Middle)*	2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH	3. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

4.a GRADE, RATE, OR RANK	4.b PAY GRADE	5. DATE OF BIRTH *(YYYYMMDD)*	6. RESERVE OBLIG. TERM. DATE		
			Year	Month	Day

7.a PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY	7.b HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY *(City and state, or complete address if known)*

8.a LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND	8.b STATION WHERE SEPARATED

9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED	10. SGLI COVERAGE ☐ None Amount: $

11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY *(List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.)*	12. RECORD OF SERVICE	Year(s)	Month(s)	Day(s)
	a. Date entered AD This Period			
	b. Separation Date This Period			
	c. Net Active Service This Period			
	d. Total Prior Active Service			
	e. Total Prior Inactive Service			
	f. Foreign Service			
	g. Sea Service			
	h. Effective Date of Pay Grade			

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13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED *(All periods of service)*							
14. MILITARY EDUCATION *(Course title, number of weeks and month and year completed)*							
15.a MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Yes	No	15.b HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT	Yes	No	**16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID**	
17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED A COMPLETE DENTAL EXAM AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION		Yes		No			
18. REMARKS							
19.a MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION *(Include Zip Code)*						**19.b** NEAREST RELATIVE *(Name and address - include Zip Code)*	
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO _____ DIR OF VET. AFFAIRS		Yes		No		**22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN** *(Typed name, grade, title and signature)*	
21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED							

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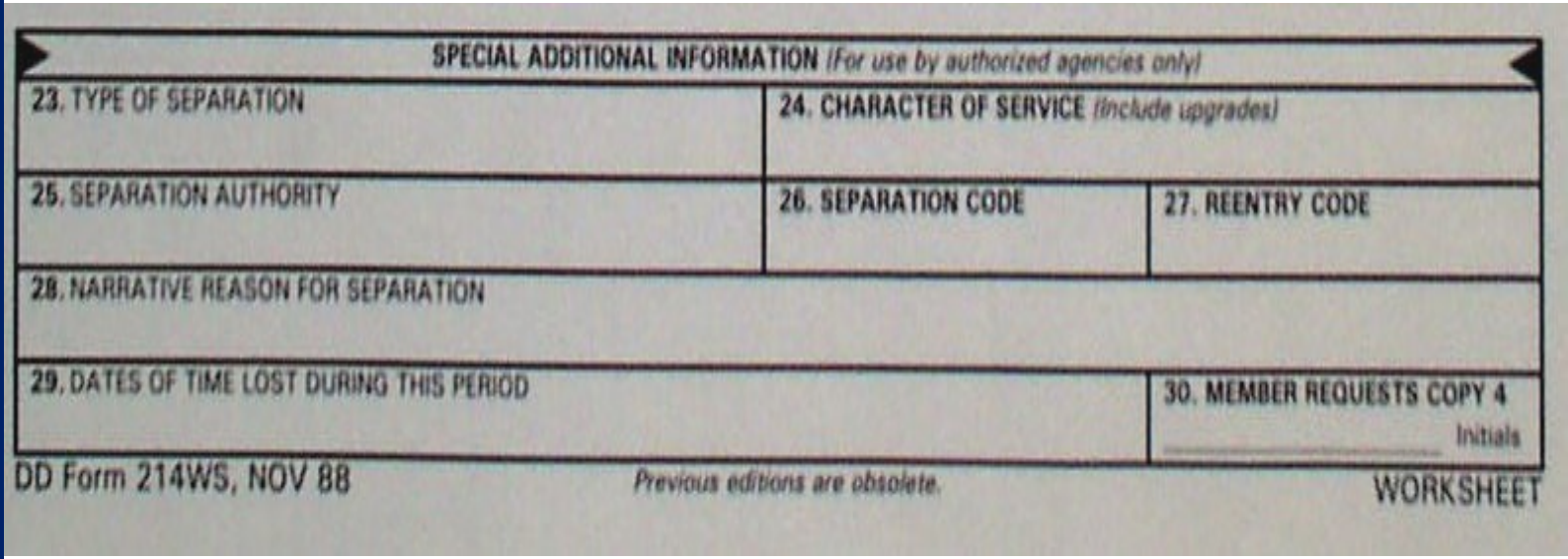

SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(For use by authorized agencies only)*		
23. TYPE OF SEPARATION	24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE *(Include upgrades)*	
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY	26. SEPARATION CODE	27. REENTRY CODE
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION		
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD		30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 Initials

DD Form 214WS, NOV 88 *Previous editions are obsolete.* WORKSHEET

Important Notes Continued

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2. Visit State and County Veterans Represent
   as well as Department of Labor Rep

- State Benefits http://www.NASDVA.COM
- Federal Benefits http://www.VA.GOV

 Note pertaining to National Defense Service
and Armed Forces Expeditiona

Important Notes Continued

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3. Ensure you are registered if eligible

Persian G[illegible]800-749-8387

Agent Orange Registry 1-800-749-8387

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Ionizing Radiation 1-800-827-1000

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4. Make Copies of:

Your Medical Records as well as famili
except Behavioral Health (requires rel

Any correspondence between you and

What is a VA Disability?

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Any illness or injury that occurred or was per
aggravated while on active duty and is contin
effect you at the time of the claim.

What constitutes Active Duty?

Will a VA Disability rating preclude me from employ-
ment and or joining the National Guard or Reserves?

Benefits Delivery at Discharge Program

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Part I Physical (Labs, x-ray, hearing test, eye test etc.)
Completed by DOD staff IAW local SOP. Part II Physical (interview) also completed by DOD.

AND CONCURRENTLY

Sign up for Benefits Delivery at Discharge Program
Landstuhl – DSN 486-7727 or 7949
Fax 486-7886
Comm- 011-49-6371-86-7727 or 7749
MUST **Re-outprocessing in Europe** AND

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Why should I initiate the claim now?

2. What if I have already done a DOD physical?

3. What if I have medical problems that are no documented in my medical records?

4. Which is preferable, a medical complaint or actual diagnoses?

To gain a hundred victories in a hundred battles
is not the highest form of excellence

To subjugate the enemies armies without doing battle
is the highest form of excellence

Sun Wu

from Sun Tzu The Art of War

appx. 460 B.C.

Education Benefits- Overview

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- QUALIFICATIONS-

  GI BILL CHAPTER 30
- **HONORABLE DISCHARGE**
- **PAID $1200.00**
- **GENERALLY 30 MONTHS AD**
- BENEFITS-
- 36 MONTHS *IN CLASS* TIME
- FT = $985.00 MONTHLY
- 3/4 = $739.00 MONTHLY
- 1/2 = $492.00 MONTHLY
- PROCESS-
- START WITH SCHOOL
- ALTERNATIVES-
- O.J.T
- TRADE SCHOOL
- *MAKE SURE IT IS APPROVED*
- **USE WITHIN 10 YRS OF ETS**

- QUALIFICATIONS-

VOC REHAB CHAPTER 31

  - MINIMUM 10% S.C. DISABILITY TO ***APPLY*** FOR PROGRAM
  - SERIOUS EMPLOYMENT HANDICAP AS A RESULT OF S.C. DISABILITY
  - BENEFITS-
  - JOB ASSISTANCE

    OR
  - TRAINING PROGRAM

    UP TO 48 MONTHS *IN CLASS TIME*

    BOOKS, SUPPLIES, LIVING EXPENSE

USE WITHIN 12 YRS OF NOTIFICATION OF RATING

GI BILL- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q. How long can I use the MGIB?

A. Generally, you must use within 10 years after your last separation from service

Q. How does the Army College Fund work?

A. Based on the value of the GI Bill *at time of entry.*
Then: GI Bill= 650x36=24,000, ACF is 50,000 (26,000
Now: GI Bill= 985x36=35,460+26000=61,460 or 170

Q. What type of training can I take?

A. College, vocational, technical, OTJ, apprenticeship cooperative, flight, correspondence and distance learn

Caution- Program must be approved for VA Benefits

GI Bill- Other Education Benefits

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-Tutorial Assistance

⇨ Helps eligible students pay for necessary tutoring. 1-888-442-4551

- Work-Study allowance

⇨ Pays additional assistance to students receiving VA education benefits in return for work for VA

1-888-442-4551

Education Benefits- Key Points

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① *Apply*! Even before you're ready to start training. Get the form from our web site or from the school or training facility. But Apply!

② *Check the eligibility rules.*

Don't assume you will get the benefit automatically. Talk to your Education Services Officer or career counselor. Apply with VA to find out for sure.

Don't assume you won't get a benefit.

To Contact VA:

http://www.gibill.va.gov

1-888-GIBILL-1

(1-888-442-4551)

VA Home Loan Guarantee Program
What Vets Should Know

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- Generally, no downpayment neede
- How eligibility is established
- Who makes the loans
- What an appraisal is (and isn’t)
- Buying VA owned properties

Downpayment Issues

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- In most cases lenders will not require a downpayment
  - This is because VA guarantees the loan, reducing the risk to the lender

Total loan amount (up to)	$240,000.00
VA Guarantees 25% or	$60,000.00

- A 2.125% funding fee required (waived if 10% S

This is a major benefit compared to other loan

Establishing Eligibility

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- Vets need to meet length and character of serv

- Completed VA 26-1880 plus provide proof of se
  - (1880 available from your Veterans Service Of

- Certificate of Eligibility issued. This is the len
  proof that veteran is eligible.

Note: Certificate issued while on active duty expires at

Who makes the loans?

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- Loans are still made by private lenders
  vets still need to meet credit and income gu
- Lenders apply VA credit guidelines
- Bank still has final word on approval
- Veterans should compare loan packages

The Appraisal

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- A property appraisal is required in most cas
- An appraisal is an estimate of the fair mark of the property
- An appraisal is NOT an inspection or warra
- Veteran is encouraged to have property insp

VA-Owned properties

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VA owned properties available for sale to vets and non-vets

In some cases VA can be the lender

Terms generally favorable

Questions?

Http://www.ocwen.com

Lenders
Http://www.homeloans.va.gov/mortlen1.htm

Veterans' Group Life Insurance

- Eligibility
- Coverage
- Premium

- To Enroll: See any VA representative within 120 days after discharge.

Rates for $250,000.00

0-29	$20.00	50-54	$130.00
30-34	$27.50	55-59	$210.00
35-39	$35.00	60-64	$281.25
40-44	$55.00	65-69	$375.00
45-49	$80.00	70-74	$562.00

0-29 $20.00

VA Healthcare Options

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Veterans who serve on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after November 11, 1998 **or** in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities are eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for a period of two years from their date of discharge.

Living Overseas?- VA reimbursement for treatment of service-connected conditions only.

Foreign Medical Program- 303-331-

Veterans Pension

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Wartime Service 90 days AD, 1 day During Wartime

AND Non service connected disabled-unemployable up to age 65

Income Limited minus non-reimbursed medical

Transfers to spouse upon death of veteran

VA Healthcare Options

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Priority Group 1

Veterans with service connected conditions rated at 50% or more.

Complete healthcare

No Rx co-payments

Included preventative care

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Priority Group 2

Veterans with service connected conditions rated at 30-40% disabling.

Complete healthcare

Rx co-payments

VA Healthcare Contd.

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Priority Group 3

Veterans with service connected conditions rated at 10-20% disabling.

Former POW’s and Purple Heart recipients

Discharged from active duty for compensable conditions

Complete healthcare

Rx co-payments

VA Healthcare Contd.

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Priority Group4

Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits

Veterans who have been determined by the VA to be catastrophically disabled.

Complete healthcare

Rx co-payments

VA Healthcare Contd.

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Priority Group 5

Non-service connected veterans and service-connected veterans rated 0% disabled, whose income and net worth are below the established thresholds.

Complete healthcare

Rx co-payments

VA Healthcare Contd.

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Priority Group 6

All other eligible veterans who are not required to make co-payments for their healthcare including:

WWI and Mexican Border War veterans

Veterans receiving care for exposure to toxic substances or environmental hazards while in service

Compensable 0% service connected veterans.

VA Medical Care

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Priority Group 7

Non-S.C. vets with income and net worth above statutory threshold. Closed.

$15.00 per visit co-pay for routine care, sick call, physical

OR

$50.80 for any specialized visits ie. CT, MRI, surgery
$7.00 Rx co-pay

First 90 days in hospital = $792.00 + $10.00 per day

After 90 days $338.00 + $10.00 dollars per day for each a

Inpatient care costs based on locality and income

VA Medical Care

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Priority Group 8 (NEW)

Non-S.C. vets with income and net worth above statutory threshold. Locality Based Means Test.

$15.00 per visit co-pay for routine care, sick call, physical

OR

$50.80 for any specialized visits ie. CT, MRI, surgery
$7.00 Rx co-pay

First 90 days in hospital = $792.00 + $10.00 per day

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Become a Veterans Advocate

http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm

God and Soldier, we adore
In time of peril, not before
The peril ended, all things righted
God is forgotten, and the Soldier slighted.

Rudyard Kipling

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Alexandria, VA. 22314
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(800) 245-8762

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